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In Support of HB 5229 **AAC REQUIRING SEAT BELTS IN NEWLY PURCHASED SCHOOL BUSES**

Transportation Committee

February 9, 2015

Dear Sen. Leone, Rep. Guerrero, Sen. Boucher, Rep. O'Dea and members of the Transportation Committee:

I want to thank you for granting **HB 5229, AAC REQUIRING SEAT BELTS IN NEWLY PURCHASED SCHOOL BUSES**, a public hearing. I apologize for not being here today to testify in person, but I have previously scheduled meetings in my home district that I need to honor.

With a few serious school bus accidents occurring in my district in the past year, and with the tragedy that involved a school bus in Rocky Hill still fresh in our minds, I believe we have had enough warnings to now act in a way that could provide more safety to the transport of our kids in the state. When parents say good bye to their school age kids each day, the last thing they worry about, and should have to worry about, is their safety when riding to school. While we certainly can't legislate a 100% fool proof safety mechanism, we do have it within our powers to do all we can to decrease the chances of tragedies occurring that involved school buses.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to have my testimony read and this bill heard at this public hearing. The issue is an important one, and many people around Connecticut thank you.

Sincerely,

Fred Camillo
State Representative